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Susan Linner
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Re: Sunshine Mining Company's Trixie Mine

Dear Ms. Linner:

The closing of the Kennecott Smelter at Magna has forced Sunshine Mining Company to alter the operation of their Trixie Mine at Eureka, Utah. As you are aware, prior to the closing of the smelter, all ore produced from the Trixie was shipped to Kennecott for use as flux in the smelter. To keep the Trixie in production and market the metals, Sunshine will be required to mill the ore into concentrate.

To accomplish this task, the Burgin mill will be readied to run the Trixie ore at a rate of 200 TPD. This mill was previously permitted by DOGM and the Bureau of Air Quality to operate at a rate of 800 TPD.

The milling operation will require a tailings disposal facility. To this end, please accept the attached document as an "Application for a Permit to Construct and Operate Tailings Ponds for the Trixie Mine." As the application indicates, three small ponds will be utilized in order to minimize the time and expense required to permit and construct the facilities.

I ask that you assist Sunshine in permitting the tailings disposal system to allow the work force at Eureka to continue to be employed. Sunshine has contracted with JBR Consultants Group to provide the data and plans for the pond system. Because time is of the essence, please contact myself or JBR (943-4144) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Leon J. Munyan
Resident Manager

Enclosure